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PETERSON TAKES OATH AS NEW UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson took the oath of office as the 43rd United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin today. Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb administered the oath. Nominated by President George W. Bush on April 24, 2006, Peterson was confirmed by the United States Senate on May 26, 2006.

Peterson, 36, most recently has served as the Iowa County District Attorney, a position he held from January 1999. Elected to four terms as District Attorney, he was the lead attorney for felony and misdemeanor trials, acted as a Special Prosecutor in six other counties, and created a countywide truancy intervention plan and a countywide arson task force. From 1995 to 1998, he served as an Assistant District Attorney for Richland County. He is a 1995 graduate of the Marquette University Law School, and received his B.A. from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa in 1992.

The United States Attorney acts as the chief federal law enforcement official for the Western District of Wisconsin, which includes 44 counties, or roughly the western two-thirds of Wisconsin. In addition to anti-terrorism efforts, the Office prosecutes violations of federal law, including firearm, drug, child pornography, and white collar

offenses, and represents the United States in both affirmative and defensive civil actions. As United States Attorney, Peterson will supervise a staff of 47 people.

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